

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [1001] with the following amended paragraph:

[1001] This application is a continuation application of co-pending Application Serial No. 09/008,203, filed January 16, 1998, entitled "Mobile Station Assisted Timing Synchronization in a CDMA Communication System," now U.S. Patent No. 6,307,840 which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/933,888 now U.S. Patent No. 5,872,774, filed September 19, 1997.

Please replace paragraph [1078] with the following paragraph:

[1078] First it can be observed from FIG. 2 that:

$$\tau_2 = \tau_1 + \tau_3, \text{ and } T_2 = \tau_1 + \tau_2, \text{ and} \quad (1)$$

$$\tau_1 + \Delta T = T_0 + T_2 \quad \tau_1 + \Delta T = T_0 + \tau_2 \quad (2)$$

Please replace paragraph [1116] with the following amended paragraph:

[1116] When a slave base station 64 is first powers on, that slave base station 64 may not have the appropriate timing, since not time transfer has yet occurred between the slave base station 64 and any external timing reference, such as a GPS signal source or a reference base station 62. Therefore, in accordance with the one embodiment of the present invention, when power is first applied to slave base station 64, the forward link to be transmitted from that slave base station is not enabled. Initial timing is preferably obtained using the backhaul, assuming that no more accurate means is available. The slave base station 64 then has a reasonable estimate as to the proper timing which is sufficient to allow the slave base station 64 to acquire timing via the reverse link method described ~~[[above]]~~ in ~~[[section VIII]]~~ the section "Time Transfer When Not in Soft Handoff" above. Once this has been done, slave base station 64

enables the forward link transmission at low power. If a mobile station 60 is in the soft handoff region, then the mobile station 60 reports the presence of the new pilot and time can be transferred using the more accurate soft handoff method of the present invention, as describe above. Once this is done, the forward link power of this base station can be increased to the normally operating power appropriate to the slave base station 64.

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